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St. Stanislaus hosts A.C.E.

By: Keith Crawford

On December 4th students from schools along the Gulf Coast gathered at St. Stanislaus for a special competition. The students were top academic achievers in grades fifth, sixth, and seventh. Begun in 1990, A.C.E. has grown to include every county in South Mississippi, and every elementary school sent representatives. All the students received certificates that recognized their achievements, and the thirty-six winners each received trophies. This year's theme was celebrating the Gulf Coast's finest young minds. I had a chance to interview Mr. Gemelli, coordinator for A.C.E., and he was very polite and helpful.

"What exactly is A.C.E.?"

"The Academic Competition for Excellence. It was started in 1990 by Bro. Montero, S.C., to honor the coast's brightest students from each school."

"How many schools participated?"

"Fifty-eight schools from every county in South Mississippi."

"What activities are there at the competition?"

"We try to make it fun for 558 participants in grades 5, 6, 7. Last year we had hot air balloons and Brother Lee's magic show. This year we had pennants, and each school had its name on a pennant. After the competition we had a picnic lunch in the Diboll Plaza, and trophies were handed out for the students who placed first, second, and third in each category."

"What are the categories?"

"Math, Science, English, Social Studies."

"How did it go?"

"Excellent! We had some weather worries, but it did not rain.

"Who finished notably?"

"There is a list of winners."

"What happens afterwards?"

"Trophies are awarded. The gym is filled with the top two students of each subject. The National Honor Society and the Key Club helped with A.C.E. They helped with lunch, clean up and issuing tee-shirts."

"How well do you think this year's A.C.E. went?"

"Effortlessly, thanks to the help of our staff who gave up their Saturday to assist with A.C.E."

Mrs. Terry Carr speaks with participants of A.C.E.

Winners of the A.C.E. competition in the fifth grade:
English winners:
3rd place Jennifer Wong from Bay Catholic
2nd place Dale Meitzler from Roseland Elementary
1st place Brittni Hardin from West Side Elementary
Math winners:
3rd place Caroline McCormick from Eastlawn Elementary
2nd place Crystal Fowler from Woolmarket Elementary
1st place Aaron Fowler from North Woolmarket
Science winners:
3rd place Katie Acosta from Resurrection Catholic
2nd place Michael Acquah from St. John Elementary
1st place Gabe McLendon from North Woolmarket
Social Studies winners:
3rd place Jacob Stone from St. John
2nd place Taylor Clark from Bayou View Elementary
1st place Jordan Marshall from St. James Elementary

Winners from the sixth grade are:
English winners:
3rd place Lyndsey Godwin from Sacred Heart Hattiesburg
2nd place Sandy Le from Pass Christian Middle
1st place Brad Reinhart from Saint Clare
Math winners:
3rd place Michael Wabiszewski III from Bel-Aire Elementary
2nd place Alan Leung from St. Martin Middle
1st Elizabeth Wesson from Roseland Park Elementary
Honorable Mention from Our Lady of Fatima
Science winners:
3rd Paul Keith from Bay Middle School
2nd Alisha Weston from Popp's Ferry Elementary
1st Guy Stricklin from Trent Lott Middle School
Social Studies winners:
3rd place Matthew Planchard from St. Paul School
2nd place Kyle Moore from Sacred Heart Hattiesburg
1st Mary Maher from St. James Elementary

The seventh grade winners are:
English winners:
3rd place Katie Beech from Pearl River Central Jr. High
2nd place Chris Livingston from St. Martin Middle
1st place Elissa Kerqosien from Our Lady Academy
Math winners:
3rd place David Hamilton from Moss Point Ed Mayo Jr. High
2nd place Moss Point Magnolia Jr. High
1st place Nanumo Park from Ocean Springs Middle
Science winners:
3rd place Austyn Hawkins from Mercy Cross High
2nd Adam Blakeney from Cedar Lake Christian
1st place Justin Poelma from St. Martin Middle
Social Studies:
3rd place David Jackson from Sacred Heart Hattiesburg
2nd place Michael McDermott from Mercy Cross
1st place Joey Wilkerson from St. Martin Middle

Congratulations to all those who were chosen to represent their schools!

One for the nose

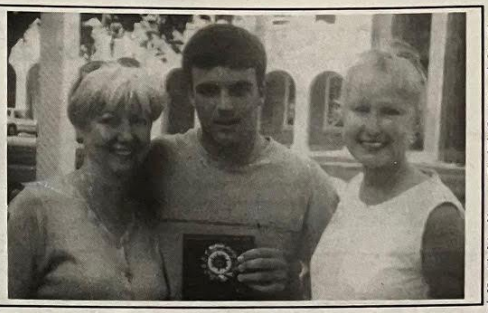
By David Billiot

The cast members of "Cyrano De Bergerac" stood behind the stage anxiously awaiting their cue. That was at SSC on Monday, December 6th. The cast later performed at USM for the annual Southern Mississippi High School Drama Festival on Friday, December 10th. This interpretation of the Edmond Rostand play is a condensed five act version of the drama dealing with the 17th Century character, played by Dustin Tasker, who falls in love with a beautiful young woman, Roxanne, played by Mary Ladner. The only problem for Cyrano is the fact that he has a rather large nose, and that Roxanne has taken a liking to a new, handsome recruit named Christian, played by T.J. McKeough. The plot of the story is that Cyrano and Christian end up using both of their talents together to win over the heart of Roxanne.

Everyone involved performed to the full extent of his or her ability. All congratulations go to Roxanne McCullough, who played the part of Mother Margaret. She was awarded with the honor of "All-Star Cast." Everyone involved in our production worked to make the show perfect. Director Mrs. Terry Carr and the cast and crew were working constantly to get props ready and in place, make sure the music was on time, have everyone dressed to go on stage, and make the best of this occasion. The SSC/OLA duo showed their skill and talent in Hattiesburg and came out with a new experience and many memories under their belt.

On Wednesday, December 15th, the play was performed for SSC and OLA. It was enjoyed by all. Bravo, Bergerac!

Academic Assistance



Pictured are Mrs. Clark, student Charles Reymond, and Mrs. Simpson.

By Todd Geary and Garret Mann

The academic assistance program was created five years ago in order to help students with learning difficulties such as ADD, ADHD, and other similar problems. The program teaches study skills, and offers help in certain subjects. Forty students are in Academic assistance and six out of eight are on Honor Roll. With the help of Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Simpson, eight out of ten students leave academic assistance every year.

The academic assistance program is geared to be fun and entertaining while at the same time educational. Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Simpson have activities such as B-B-Qs, pool parties, movies, hockey games, cooking at home, and other motivational activities. Friday the tenth the academic assistance had a special Christmas lunch.

An average day of class in academic assistance usually includes practicing study skills, studying for other classes, and group studying.

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The Rock-A-Chaw thanks all those in administration, faculty, and staff who contributed to this edition.

Hope to see you in the next edition!

Kunal Patel
Editor-in-Chief

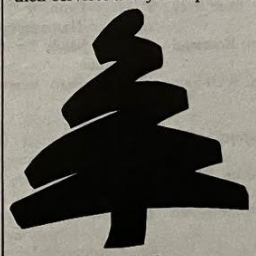
F.C.A. and Student Council

SSC/F.C.A. Chapter

- Was established in 1995 by Coach Dellenger
- Has been an active Chapter for St. Stanislaus for five years
- Membership has been from 40-50 members
- Major projects:
  1.) Thanksgiving Family Sponsorship
  2.) Christmas Family Sponsorship
  3.) Easter Family Sponsorship

Lettering System

- Each member is given a F.C.A. award for their services and years spent in the club.



Student Council

Every year the student council sponsors several needy families. They get every homeroom to donate a Thanksgiving basket with a gift certificate for a turkey in each. When donations are collected, they are given to the families, with the left over food going to St. Paul's Thanksgiving food drive with a $50.00 cash donation. A donation of $100 to St. Annes Mission in Arizona was also made. Student council president Neil Norton says, "It's a very worthy cause. It helps many families have a Thanksgiving that might not have been possible." This year a total of twelve baskets were collected.

Treading in international waters

By: John Sumner

When students walk the corridors of SSC, countries intermingle. Over the years at SSC, there have been many students from around the world. St. Stanislaus has been and continues to be the school of choice for young men from countries as far away as Egypt and Japan. The international exchange is an enriching experience for everyone.

What motivates these world travelers to find themselves in a Catholic boarding school overlooking picturesque Bay St. Louis? They choose St. Stanislaus for many reasons: the Catholic religious education, the boarding school, and the opportunity to learn English in an American school. Whatever the reason or reasons, these students offer opportunities to their American classmates to discover more about them and their countries.

Many of our international students are from Central and South America. Luis Duhart Urquidi is a 7th grade student with many talents, including a wonderful singing voice. In Mexico, he has released CDs, which are very popular. Juan Hernaiz Bravo, Jorge Leal Carcamo, and Juan Portilla Moreno are also 7th grade students from Mexico.

Eighth grade Central and South American students Juan Borrego Trevino, Adrian Galvan Valdez, Carlos Garcia-Uribe, Jaime Obando III, Josue Reynoso Franco, and Jacobo Zertuche Cedillo all have come to St. Stanislaus after hearing about the school from family friends whose sons have attended SSC. Josue and Carlos both agree that the best place to enjoy tacos is Mexico.

Jose Chavez Rodas, Luis Niembro Alvarez, Teddy Plocharski, and David Valdez are freshmen students from countries south of the border. Freshman Timothy Sergon comes to SSC from Stockholm, Sweden.

International sophomores Jean Gustave Afrika and Brice Monu traveled to SSC from the Ivory Coast in Africa. Both speak fluent French, their country's native language. Sophomore Daniel Morales is a citizen of Guatemala. Teddy Plocharski, also from Guatemala, says he attends St. Stanislaus because it's a family tradition. "All of men in my family have gone to Stanislaus. Teddy likes the sports and the teachers. "The brothers are really cool; they help you to pull up your grades."

Eighth grade student, Marc Belizaire, comes from Antigua Island in the Caribbean. His parents located the school on the internet. "I plan on returning next year," said Marc whose favorite athletic activities are

water sports. Ryan Dumas is also in the eighth grade, and his home is in Sagamihara, mainland Japan. Ryan noted his homeland is twenty-five miles from Tokyo, but it takes two hours to get to Tokyo due to the excessive traffic. He says all Japanese people are very polite, and his favorite Japanese food is Yakisoba, a noodles, meat, and vegetable dish coated with a delicious teriyaki sauce.

Seniors Luchar Mekarporn and Chong Ngow are from Thailand. Luchar lives in Samutsongkharm although he was born in Bangkok. His uncle decided St. Stanislaus would be a good choice for Luchar. "But," Luchar adds, "I still miss all of my friends back home." Chong Ngow's home is Bangkok, and he came here to speak better English and to have the opportunity to get a better job back home after the pluses of an American education.

Senior Won Cho's home is Seoul, South Korea. He came here for a better education. "I have more opportunities back home if I attend St. Stanislaus and go on to college in America. Another twelfth grade student, Helder Iombo came to St. Stanislaus to learn English.

Junior Mario Gutierrez said his parents chose SSC for him. Upon graduation, Mario plans to attend the University of Monterrey in Mexico. Last school year, Mario distinguished himself as one of our international students prominent in our football program.

Eleventh grade student, Chinedum Anusionwu, resides in Nigeria, West Africa. His uncle heard about St. Stanislaus, and now Chinedum studies here. Senior Jean Guy Afrika from the Ivory Coast enjoys playing basketball for SSC, and taking courses such as accounting and personal finance. He feels St. Stanislaus is preparing him well for his future. Beteta Dilukila is a sophomore from the Republic of Congo, formerly called Zaire in Africa.

Three brothers are SSC students. The Balaguer brothers live in the Dominican Republic, where baseball is a national past time. Just ask Sammy Sosa. Junior Joaquin, sophomore Rodolfo, and sixth grade student Danielo, dominate the international student roster with the most students from one family in attendance.

These are most of our international students, and they expressed interest in appearing in our feature about them. St. Stanislaus is pleased to be a second home and family to these young men as they venture far from their native lands. They enrich all here who come to know them, and we are grateful for their presence.

SSC basketball – the tradition continues

By: Dawson McCall

The SSC Basketball team is once again off to a great start to their season. After starting the year 4-2, with losses to Gulfport High and St. Thomas More of Lafayette, the Rocks have won seven games in a row, becoming the first team on the coast to tally eleven wins.

After three wins in the County Tournament to open the year, the Rocks traveled to B. Frank Brown Gymnasium in Gulfport, to take on the Admirals. The Admirals came out of the gates fast and never looked back. The final score yielding the Rocks a seven point loss. However, the Rocks bounced back, beating division rival Petal at home to open the division season with a win. The team then traveled to Lafayette to take on the third ranked team in Louisiana, St. Thomas More High School. The Rocks came out with an emotional first quarter, stunning the home team by taking a six point advantage. However, the Boys in Black and Red could not hold off the attack from St. Thomas More, and eventually lost the contest. The Rock-A-Chaws were enraged by the loss, and have responded with a seven game winning streak, netting wins against defending division champ Picayune and perennial state power West Jones High School in Laurel, MS.

Jason Santiago searching for an opening.

After an embarrassing shooting performance at St. Thomas More, in which the Rocks shot only 13 for 58 from the field, the team has responded by becoming a threat from the outside. Leading the way from the perimeter are guards Brandon Arcement Jason Santiago, and Grady "J.R." Willis and forward Zeke Davis, while Stephen Peterman holds down the fort in the paint, with a 20.3 points per game average.

With the Rocks on a roll and getting better every day, coach Jay Ladner says that it is time for the team to make a "rankings run". It seems as though our athletic teams have to accomplish much more in order to gain respect statewide. All I have to do is point to the fact that the basketball team was 26-2 last year before they broke into the state rankings, while other teams were enjoying these honors with six or seven losses on the season. With the Rocks leading the way on the coast with eleven wins, how long will it take for the sportswriters in Jackson, and in other parts of the state, to recognize the accomplishments of the team on the court?

The drive for a state championship continues for SSC soccer

Rimmer Covington throws the ball into play.

By: Kenny Harshbarger

The Stanislaus Soccer Team has a tradition of winning soccer games. As a senior player on the soccer team, there is a lot of pressure to win games. So far this season the soccer team has done just that; win soccer games. We have won these games with a very young team, and a very small bench. But the players we have have played hard and the hard work has paid off. We have won 10 out of 11 games in the first half of the season.

I fear only one thing, the second half of the season; not Oak Grove, Madison Central, or Clinton, but I fear complacency on the part of us players. If we can play the second half of the season with inspiration and fire, then we can beat any team in the state. Our goal for the season is to win the state championship. That goal is on our minds in the mornings when we shower, at night when we brush our teeth and at soccer practice. We will not rest until we win the class 4-A state championship.

Cross Country

Pictured here is the Cross Country Team resting on a hot day.

—Members of the Varsity Team are Kyle Lewis, Christian Nemes, Nick Benvenutti, Gary Leung, Neil Norton, Allen Leone, Dustin Tasker, and Blair Neal.
—Members of the Junior Varsity Team are Thomas Collins and John Waterman.
—Members of the Junior High Team are Cody Cannon, Aaron Baxter, Bobby Nilson, Tony Echsvapria, Robert Goggins, Rodney Goodsor, and Christian Walter.

Varsity Stats

—Seniors Christian Nemes and Neil Norton were co-captains.
—Kyle Lewis placed first in the District Competition and finished 10th in state.
—Christian Nemes placed 20th in state.
—The Varsity Team finished 2nd in district. Kyle Lewis, Christian Nemes, Neil Norton, Gary Leung, and Allen Leone all earned All-District Honors.
—The team also placed 5th in state.
—131 members from 25 teams competed in the State Competition.

Junior High

—Cody Cannon placed 10th in District.
—The team finished 5th out of 10 teams.

We need a leader, not just a president

By Dawson McCall

Basketball star, senator, and now presidential candidate, Bill Bradley has led a life of accomplishment and intensity. He has now introduced his homegrown view of the American Dream to the public. Bradley has a vision of America as being a "land of endless possibilities" for all people. "To me, the American Dream is not just for the lucky among us," Bradley told supporters at a rally at Crystal City High School. "It is not just an ideal to wish on. It should be a possibility available to all."

While stressing the themes of racial unity, health care for children, and stronger schools, Bradley feels that the economic boom has left many people behind, citing that personal debts are up, one out of five children lives in poverty, and over 45 million Americans lack health care.

Bradley acknowledges the fact that most Americans are "fed up" with national politics. However, he says that his campaign is a far cry from politics as usual. "Yes, the American people have a right to be skeptical," he says. "But I have a right to change that skepticism...I'm hoping that by Election Day we will be choosing between two people we esteem, not the candidate we can still tolerate." Bradley also has said that, "we need a new kind of leadership, a leadership that puts the people front and center."

However, while Bradley rallies for his beliefs on the American Dream, 43% of Americans feel that is has become "almost impossible" to achieve this dream, according to those polled.

This fact causes an alarming realization that the morale in this country is in need of an enormous makeover. Sure, the president has a lot to do with the successes and failures of our country, but the president is still only one man. There is only so much that one man can do.

With most of the debates and discussions about the government focused on problems such as Medicare, the national budget, and so on, I think that we often forget that this country is in place for the people. Yet, without faith, support, and hard work, the problems we are facing will only worsen with time.

I believe that Bill Bradley is the leader that we need in order to rally this country. Some say that it should be Al Gore. Yet a recent poll taken shows that 63% of Americans believe Al Gore to be a poor leader. A leader cannot lead unless he has the backing of his followers. It is clear that Al Gore does not have this backing. Bill Bradley has proven that he has the ability to be a leader. Bradley has the confidence instilled in him to lead us into the 21st Century. Most of all, however, Bill Bradley is solely interested in the successes of this country. This is the single aspect that a leader of the United States must exude.

The Blair Witch Review

By T.J. McKeough

I found "The Blair Witch Project" to be a very good movie. It was about three student filmmakers who went into the woods to shoot a documentary. They disappeared. Years later their footage was recovered. It showed that while shooting the documentary they were being stalked and harassed by some unseen terror. It eventually killed them. The movie had three characters: Josh, Mike, and Heather. At the beginning of the movie they have a real sense of camaraderie, but when all the weird happenings start to occur and they get lost in the woods, they start fighting. I won't give away the rest of the movie. The setting is mainly in the woods. There are some trees, some more trees, leaves, grass, more leaves, more grass, a stream, some rocks, a cabin, and some more trees with leaves on them.

I found the movie to be very well done. It was a very original movie. The use of a camcorder as the main camera added some confusion, but it also added an element of realism. The movie was a very freaky movie. This is only if you are somewhat of an intellectual and do not have a low attention span. It was scary in a psychological sense. It was your typical slasher, gore, killer jumps out of a closet type of scary movie, only it was the unknown that was scary.

"The Caine Mutiny"

By Guy Van Slyke

The movie "The Caine Mutiny" is an exceptionally well written, well acted, high intensity piece of drama from the 1950s. The basic story line is fairly simple. The Caine, a tow line boat for the U.S. Navy during WWII, has a crew of slackers and is falling apart in the Pacific. Willie Keith, who is fresh out of Princeton, joins the Navy. He is assigned to The Caine. The Caine is not his idea of what the military is supposed to be. He has an extremely low opinion of the crew and especially the captain, but to prove his manhood he chooses to stay aboard The Caine. Soon his decision apparently pays off when the captain is transferred and a much more orderly and methodical Captain Queeg takes the helm. Soon this "dream captain" turns into the crew's worst nightmare. His obsessive-compulsive behavior exceeds even what normal military standards are. The captain goes on rampages about shirts not being tucked in and strawberries being missing among other things. Fueled by Tom Keefer (an aspiring writer) and the captain's questionable behavior, rumors start floating around The Caine regarding the captain's mental capacity. Eventually in the midst of a typhoon the crew is convinced of the captain's insanity and 2nd officer in command Steve Meryk commits mutiny and assumes command of The Caine. Then the movie assumes a different setting, into a courtroom for the naval court marshalling of Steve Meryk. Meryk obtains a sharp lawyer who after much high intensity courtroom action (including getting Captain Queeg to "snap" on the witness stand) is able to get officer Meryk exonerated. In this trial, however, Tom Keefer becomes a turncoat on the crew (after convincing them to commit mutiny) and opts to save his own skin. The only negative I saw in this movie was a feeble love story that was only inserted for the mighty female dollar.

Computer Lab Update

By Brett Hode

The new computer lab has caused mixed feelings throughout the school. Most of the student body seems to enjoy the lab, but many do not even use the lab. We've seen an increase in the use of the computers at the times it is open. What's even better is we've seen an increase in school work being done on the computers. The computers are in demand; so if you want to use one, you should hurry after the bell or you're out of luck. Plus many say the Internet connection is slow, and they do not have the time to wait for things to load. In all actuality the connection is only slow when all the computers are on the net at the same time. The connection is a t-1, or for the computer illiterate, this connection is one of the fastest you can buy (in this area). There are a few mistakes, that if connected, could boost speeds. For example, in multiple locations the wiring twists and is crimped tightly in the conduit. This causes the wiring to lose bandwidth (the speed which information travels). Other than that, there are no large mistakes in the wiring or in the Internet connection, at least.

There is one potentially fatal mistake that the computers themselves have had since the beginning of school: they repeatedly break down, which is common in computer labs. The server has crashed, but still, the new lab creates a great improvement in the technology area. As Mr. Laiche put it, "the students have gotten used to having the lab available. There has even been more teachers bringing classes into the lab." The hyperstudio program is still awaited; it has been shipped, but it is several months overdue. While the business apps class will not get to learn the program that they were originally supposed to learn, this program will help the teachers quite a lot. It provides a presentation slideshow, which will incorporate technology into the classroom. It does provide yet another learning tool for the SSC staff to use. The lab has closed several times to allow needed repairs and configuration of the computers. Be thankful; the lab is open at lunch and recess, and let's hope it stays that way.

Titanic Projects: a sea of fun

Freshman students take a break after enjoying Titanic presentations.

By James Fulford and Trey Schorr

In freshman English classes, Mrs. Holmes instructed us about one of the most infamous disasters of all time, the sinking of the R.M.S. Titanic. The class was taught about the Titanic's overconfident Captain E.J. Smith. The class also learned about how the Californian failed to help the stricken ship. We then learned about the public investigations that took place after the survivors arrived in New York City. We created projects about the Titanic that were creative, showed effort, and showed that we knew something about the disaster. We had two weeks to finish. Most people adequately completed their projects within the allotted time. The project counted as one test and one quiz grade. The people that did not complete their projects found that their grades sank faster than the Titanic.

The project gave us a gladly welcomed break from grammar. Most of the students put a titanic amount of effort into this project. This year's freshmen even surpassed the projects from last year. One of the most notable projects was from Kunal Patel and Padrick Dennis. It was a twelve-minute movie and a poster. The movie consisted of computer animations and pictures of the Titanic from the construction to the actual departure of the Titanic. It was set to the song "Sail Away" and music from Bob Marley. The poster had more information and pictures. Gabe Willis and Peter Doty did another very interesting project. It was a cake version of the Heart of the Ocean from the Titanic movie, in which the gold chain became a French twist bread roll. Students also stood in a bucket of crushed ice to learn what 4 degree water must have felt like there in the North Atlantic on April 14, 1912. The average death took only thirty minutes after the sinking of the ship.

Freshman English teacher Mrs. Leah Holmes said, "I do this unit every year, and every year it gets bigger and bigger. Catastrophes tend to capture the imagination of the students. I love that the students come in during the unit and run to the chalkboard to see what new stuff I've put up there. Some even come in reciting facts they've learned overnight. Overall, the students loved the unit. The kids' enthusiasm and passion for the weird and little-known facts about the ship affirm the story's attraction, so I continue to give my all to it."

Some fascinating facts about the Titanic:
There were…
-35,000 eggs that drowned on the Titanic
-8,000 cigars sank
-7,000 heads of lettuce
-40 tons of potatoes
-The ship sank with lifeboats chained to its side.
-Even though lifeboats were being launched only half full, one lady was denied access with her Great Dane and went back to her room to die. Out of Titanic's 2227 passengers, only 800 were saved, 1500 died from hypothermia.
-One ship nearby, the Californian, saw the Titanic's flares but thought they were fireworks. The lookout went back to bed, leaving Titanic to die an icy death.
-The ship's hull #3909 04 is reported to be a secret code. If you hold the numbers up to a mirror, the words spell "No Pope." It is said that Protestant ship builders created the code, and that the sinking represents God's wrath!

Gettysburg revisited

By Andrew Waterman

The War between the States was relived in eighth grade English classes. Students studying Stephen Crane's The Red Badge of Courage wrote reports about Civil War topics ranging from weaponry to generals. Also, students created visual aids in the form of posters and projects to accompany the reports.

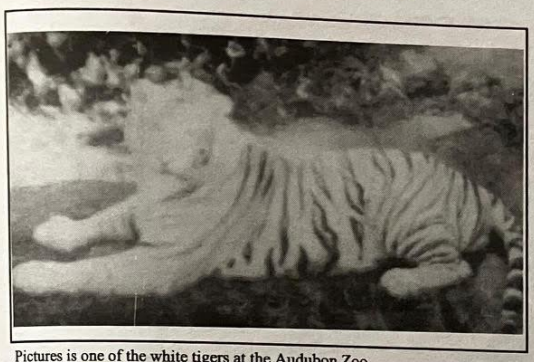
Project creativity added much interest. Among these displays were Ben Bourgeois's detailed poster on weaponry, William Mestayer's revealing factual poster about medicine and hospital doctrine, and Colin Wilson's three-dimensional depiction of Ford's Theater. Jarrod Bourgeois created a folding poster display of the Battle of Antietam. Grady Wyly's pictorial of Civil War events offered much information, and Ulysses S. Grant

Will Mestayer displays facts about Civil War medicine and hospitals.

posters by David Bradley and Jeremy Burke showed different aspects of this famous man's life. A modified Monopoly board was converted into a battle scene by Richard Schorr. Michael Enloe's poster spotlighted the naval battle ships Monitor and Merrimack.

Upon listening to these presentations, one is sure to learn at least one or two pieces of Civil War trivia. Here are a few: Ulysses S. Grant was really Herman Ulysses Grant whose initials spelled H.U.G which he hated. Shrapnel grenades and cannon balls were named for their inventor Henry Shrapnel, a British artillery officer. The Battle of Bull Run was named after the Indian stream that ran near the battle's location. About 50,000, yes, 50,000 Canadians fought the Civil War on different sides. A general's uniform had five braids to distinguish them from lower ranking soldiers. The average soldier was paid thirteen dollars a month. More men died in the Civil War than in any other war in American history.

Featured creatures



Pictures is one of the white tigers at the Audubon Zoo.

By Keith Crawford

Audubon Zoological Gardens has two magnificent creatures. Recently two white tiger cubs were bought to replace the one that died. White tigers are born when two orange tigers with a recessive gene mate. Chances of a white tiger surviving on its own are slim to none. Their color makes them stick out and allows their prey to escape. White tigers are NOT albinos. Albinos have a pigment in their eyes that makes their eyes pink. White tigers have light blue eyes. White tiger's stripes range from light brown to gray to black, making them one of the most beautiful creatures ever.

Most people do not know that there is such a creature as a white lion, but there is. I discovered this when I visited Audubon one day. White lions are born white at birth and darken as they age. They will always be lighter than a "normal" lion. Most lions are dark brown or golden in color, but white lions are blondish or yellow in color. The white lions are rare yet magnificent creatures. The males still have traditional manes. These lions truly are great "kings of the jungle."

On March 3, 1999, an Aumur leopard cub was born in Audubon. These large cats are a bright orange with black spots. They spend a lot of time in trees. Their feet and claws have adapted excellently for climbing. As with all jungle cats, they are quick with good eyesight and hearing, making these a welcome addition to the large cat family.

I had hoped for more info, but Audubon responded to my email by telling me to go to other sources, though they would not say where I could find the suggested sources.

Brothers of the Sacred Heart serving SSC: Brother Canisius Schell, S.C.

By Kyle Olson

Brother Canisius has been a Brother of the Sacred Heart for seventy-five years. Forty of those were spent teaching in the Brothers' schools throughout the country. Presently Brother is directing a service organization to encourage the students to "Do for others" no matter how small the act of kindness. The students are often reminded of Mother Theresa's philosophy: "The smallest act of kindness done with lots of love brings peace and joy to the receiver and to the giver." Brother Canisius feels that the most important contribution any human being can offer others is his time, and Brother certainly lives this belief.

Brother Canisius checks out an abandoned hogan (home) on the reservation.

Brothers of the Sacred Heart serving SSC: Brother Charles Schilling

Patrick Clark

I met with Brother Charles during second period, and he generously stopped what he was doing to talk with me. He greeted me with a smile and a firm handshake, and then we began a very laid back interview

Where are you from and where did you go to college?

"I am from Baton Rouge and I went LSU where I earned a degree in education. I later went to Loyola and then Boston College where I received my masters."

When did you decide to become a brother?

"It was Palm Sunday, 1979.

What different things have you done as a brother?

"I have taught, worked at summer camp, been a moderator for Key Club, and I have worked as a prefect here in the dorms. I have also spent four months in Rome and I take volunteer groups out to the reservation."

Out of all of these things, what do you enjoy the most?

"I really enjoy taking the volunteer groups out to the reservation. It is a lot of fun."

What do you do here at school now?

"I take a lot of pictures at sporting events for the school and I keep the web site up. I am also responsible for major publications like the Principal's Newsletter, and I am partially responsible for the yearbook, that Mrs. Holmes works on."

What do you like to do when you're not working or at sporting events?

"I like to watch movies, especially foreign films. I don't really know why I like them so much."

Out of the many you have seen, what is your favorite foreign film?

"It would have to be a film called *Europa Europa.*"

Brother Charles is a friendly and interesting person. He's also very talented with photography. He generously contributed A.C.E. photos and basketball shots for this edition of the Rock-A-Chaw. Thanks, Brother Charles!

1999 Christmas Wish List

A 2000 Toyota Celica. Cherubin Alcalen

Peace of mind. Chris Patterson

All countries live in peace. Mr. Moran

Better dorms for SSC. Joe Acosta

A faster arrival of the Playstation 2. Blake Bilbo

Unity between all students at SSC. Brian Landry

A real science lab with government funding. Joe Aureli

A Charlie Brown Christmas complete with the little tree that no one wanted; peace and happiness for all. Mrs. Bradbrook

A white tiger. Keith Crawford

A million dollars and that I never have to go to school again. Peyton Cuevas

I wish that everyone in the SSC family will experience the joy of Christmas a special way. I also wish I will lose 20 pounds! Mrs. Clark

To be able to speak fluently in all languages. James Peterson

A maid for a week. Mrs. Timidaiski

Some new overhead markers that actually write. Mrs. Holmes

I wish for all religions to unite as one into a true universal church. Mrs. Simpson

I wish for all my Christmas wishes to come true. Patrick Clark

Good health for my family. Mrs. Holder

A set of clothes that fit properly, and for SSC to become a more peaceful and happy place. Brother Harold, SC

I wish that each student here at St. Stanislaus would realize that he is unique, gifted and loveable – that he is created by God and to be happy with God to be happy in this life and the next. Brother Adrian, SC

I wish my Uncle Mike, Uncle Jean and my Grandma Billy, who died, are happy in heaven. James Landgrove

A domed (air-conditioned, of course) 8-court tennis complex. These championship quality class courts would include a grandstand court, shower and locker facilities, meeting rooms, a pro-shop, and office space. Mr. Labat

Peace in our homes, peace in our cities, and peace throughout the world! Brother Donnan, SC

To live in harmony Garrett Mann

A cd-r drive and a new computer. Brett Hode

I wish to be on a game show. Kyle Olsen

Brother Pierre's and Brother Anton's healing. Brother Albert, SC

That my leg heals,
USM wins the Liberty bowl,
And I get an "A" in Journalism. Guy Van Slyke

I wish for better equipment for the newspaper. Kunal Patel

I wish for no homework on the weekends. Trey Schorr

A cure for cancer,
Peace on Earth,
To catch a 8 lb. speckle trout,
And to have a 28-ft. Boston Whaler with twin 250 outboards. Coach Dellenger

To have the 6th grade basketball team in January be treated like SSC treats the Varsity basketball team. We are all the same, but we are a lot younger and smaller. Jeremy Mire

A detention list with no names and no Saturday school. Mr. Genin

I wish to be with my family in Mexico. Carlos Garcia

A happy and healthy faculty and student body at SSC, a computer that does not crash as often, and lessons in Adobe Photoshop. Brother Ronald Hingle SC

I wish that all the teachers that I paid off would be kind enough to give me back the money and keep my grades up. John Sumner